

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending and have been allowed. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.


As noted in the Notice of Allowability, Applicants authorized the Examiner to make certain amendments to the claims and Abstract. However, the Examiner's Amendment as given in the Notice of Allowability contains certain discrepancies with respect to what Applicants authorized. The changes made herein serve solely to correct those discrepancies and thence to conform the Abstract and Claim 11 to the changes Applicants authorized. In a telephone conference between the Examiner and Applicants' undersigned representative, Applicants' undersigned representative was made to understand that the changes presented herein were acceptable.

The Abstract and Claim 11 have been amended, as explained above. Support for these amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added. The amendment to the Claim 11 is not believed to affect its patentability.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof is respectfully requested.

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